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 Weekly Lodging Report June 21 - 27, 2015

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## Dear Los Angeles Tourism Member:

Attached is the AAA Forecast for Independence Day travel in California.

Here are some key findings about the top destinations for Fourth of July holiday travelers:

- o The Automobile Club of Southern California is projecting a slight increase in July Fourth holiday travel compared to 2014. More than 2.98 Southern California residents are expected to take an Independence Day vacation one-half of one percent higher than the numbers who traveled during last year's holiday.
- o Despite the small travel increase, this year's holiday is expected to have the highest number of July Fourth travelers since 2007, when 3 million Southland residents and 4.88 million statewide took holiday trips.
- o Seventy-nine percent of Southern California travelers, or 2.4 million, are expected to drive to their holiday destinations an increase of 0.4 percent from last year's 2.2 million car travelers. Another 355,000 are expected to go by air an increase of 1.4 percent from 2014's 338,000 air travelers.
- o Nationally, Fourth of July travel is expected to increase by 0.7 percent to 41.9 million from last year's 41.6 million.

Week ending June 27, 2015 lodging highlights:

- Los Angeles occupancy of 85.2% decreased by -1.9% over last year's weekly occupancy (86.9%) and ranked 8<sup>th</sup> out of the Top 25 U.S. Markets.
  - Lapping the 2014 The Hospitality Industry Technology Exposition & Conference (HITEC) is a contributing factor in the year over year occupancy decline.
- ADR was \$162.34 and ranked 6<sup>th</sup> among the Top 25 Markets, up +6.4% compared to the same period last year (\$152.53).
- RevPAR was **\$138.38** which increased by **+4.4%** over last year (\$132.58) and ranked **6**<sup>th</sup> out of the Top 25 U.S. Markets.
- The LAX Area (90.9%) reported the highest occupancy rate for the week with South Bay and Pasadena/Glendale/Burbank (89.7%) tying for second place.

• <u>Weekend</u> occupancy throughout L.A. County was 91.3% and was significantly higher than the weekday occupancy of 82.8%.

For more details please refer to the attachment.

Regards,



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